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Patterson amendment to fund traffic signal at McClumpha intersection

LANSING – Senator Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, won bipartisan Senate approval for a budget amendment to put traffic lights at the intersection of Ann Arbor Road and McClumpha, in Plymouth Township, due to the extreme danger that currently exists at the intersection.

Patterson urged the legislature not to be penny-wise and pound-foolish in tight budgetary times. “This intersection has a history of avoidable accidents. Signalization can make the difference here between life or death,” he said.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume was thrilled to hear Sen. Patterson had worked to obtain this benefit for the township. Last fall, children were involved in a rollover accident at the intersection; luckily there were no fatalities at the time.

“Senators from urban districts have seen on TV the danger to children there, let alone to adult drivers,” said Sen. Shirley Johnson, Chair of the Appropriations Committee.

Unfortunately, the governor previously vetoed the signalization at this intersection. Sen. Patterson is cautiously optimistic the veto pen will not be used again.

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